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The Deputy Attorney General

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1 - Mr. Giaquinto
1 - Mr. Mintz (Attn: Mr. Daly)
1 - Mr. Moore (Attn: Mr. Sharp)

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HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON ASSASSINATIONS (HSCA)

In accordance with Attorney General Order 116-56, this advises that on July 29, 1977, retired Special Agent Alvin Staffeld, Jr., was interviewed by Chief Counsel Robert Blakey, HSCA.

Chief Counsel Blakey indicated that he was desirous of interviewing Staffeld because of his familiarity with the relationships between Organized Crime figures and intelligence data that the Bureau amassed on them during the periods pertinent to the assassinations of President John F. Kennedy and Senator Robert F. Kennedy.

The following is a summary of Staffeld's account of the interview with Chief Counsel Robert Blakey, HSCA, on July 29, 1977.

Robert Blakey indicated to Staffeld, at the outset of the interview, that as a result of Judith Exner's story and her relationship with Chicago's underworld figure Sam Giancana and the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), that the HSCA is consistently confronted with allegations of a conspiracy between the CIA and the underworld against the Kennedys. Blakey is, therefore, seeking from any source possible information which may bear either positively or negatively on this allegation. In this regard, Blakey was desirous of determining if Staffeld had any recollection of information on this matter. Blakey was assured by Staffeld that he did not. Blakey then indicated that he desired to discuss ways in which he and the HSCA staff might undertake a review of certain records maintained by the Bureau regarding intelligence data for underworld figures. It was pointed out to Blakey

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that a majority of the records were no longer available and those that were available were most often a summary of what was thought to be pertinent. Blakey then indicated that the Committee was quite adamant and felt that they had this source of information which must be reviewed and Blakey therefore turned over in his mind the possibility of getting material on just ten underworld figures including such individuals as Sam Giancana and John Roselli. Blakey indicated that this request for information would be confined to airtels or other communications relating to the intelligence data obtained only during the month of November, 1963, which is the month in which John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

It was indicated by Staffeld that he did not know if these communications were available and he could not speculate as to the degree of difficulty in granting delivery to the HSCA even if they were available. Staffeld indicated to Blakey that this would have to be a matter of discussion with current Bureau officials and that he, as a retired officer, was not in a position to respond to any request or give them guidance in this regard.

Blakey was also desirous of knowing if the Bureau had any series of memoranda with regard to the involvement of Judith Campbell with John Roselli and Sam Giancana and their relationship with the CIA. Staffeld indicated to Blakey that he did recall Thomas McAndrews, retired Special Agent now deceased, had testified before the Church Committee on this subject, so it appeared to Staffeld that the Bureau must have had some information. Blakey indicated that he was unaware of McAndrews' testimony for the Church Committee and was going to pursue it.

After approximately two hours, Blakey terminated the interview with the indication that he did not know whether he would again have a need for talking with Staffeld. Staffeld indicated to Blakey that his best source for material in this matter would be through the present staff in the Bureau as he was no longer in a position to know what was available.

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It is noted that to date, no written or oral request for any of the above data has been received by this Bureau from the HSCA.

1 - Mr. Robert L. Keuch
Special Counsel to the Attorney General

NOTE: Retired Special Agent, Alvin A. Staffeld, Jr., appearance was requested by Robert Blakey, currently the Chief Counsel for the HSCA. Staffeld was interviewed by Blakey and staff member Cliff Fenton for a period of two hours on July 29, 1977.

Blakey's interview with Staffeld emanates from the fact that he was assigned to FBIHQ during the pertinent periods of the John F. Kennedy and Robert F. Kennedy assassinations serving primarily in the Special Investigative Division, Organized Crime Section.

Blakey indicated that he was interested in discussing ways in which the HSCA staff might have access to all logs maintained by the Bureau regarding our technical coverage for all Organized Crime figures. Blakey's interest in this area relates to allegations received by the HSCA regarding a conspiracy between the Underworld and the CIA against the Kennedys. Staffeld responded by advising Blakey to direct his request to current Bureau officials familiar with this area. To date, no written or oral request has been received at FBIHQ for access to any records, logs or memorandums regarding technical coverage of Organized Crime figures who were prominent during the periods of the Kennedy assassinations.

This matter has been coordinated with the Legal Liaison and Congressional Affairs Unit, Legal Counsel Division. Staffeld was released from his confidentiality agreement with the Bureau and a Bureau official was not present during the interview. A copy of Staffeld's account of his meeting with Blakey is attached.

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